

— Williams Library —
Celebrating our one-year anniversary!

BY BRANDACE ROJO

Come visit us at the Williams library! Library events and programs are offered at no charge and are open to the public. Registration is not required, and a library card is not necessary to participate unless otherwise noted.

New Williams Library one-year anniversary

The Williams branch is marking its one-year anniversary at its new location! We are deeply grateful to community members, funders, and volunteers for making this milestone possible. We look forward to many more years in this wonderful space. If you haven't had a chance to check out the new library, please visit us at 158 Tetherow Road, Williams. Branch Manager Amber Guient can be reached at aguient@josephinelibrary.org or 541-846-7020.

Unofficial Battle of the Books

Join Josephine Community Library for the Unofficial Battle of the Books (UBOB). Students in third through 12th grades can read books, earn digital badges, and have fun during the school year! UBOB is a voluntary reading motivation and comprehension program that uses the current book lists provided through the official statewide Oregon Battle of the Books. This program is open to all students in third through 12th grades, with a special focus on homeschooled students and those attending schools that are not participating in or forming a team for the official Oregon Battle of the Books.

UBOB offers a relaxed, self-paced reading experience, perfect for students who want to enjoy the fun and benefits of reading without the pressure of competition. Battle questions are available for those who want an added challenge. Register and learn more at josephinelibrary.org/unofficial-battle-of-the-books or at your preferred library

branch and participate in the reading challenge through May 15, 2025.

Upcoming events

Williams Weekly Storytime. Themed storytime and craft session in a safe and fun environment. 11-11:30 am Fridays.

K-9 Reading Buddies. Trained therapy dogs provide a non-intimidating environment for children to learn to read out loud. Young readers have the opportunity to explore language and books during this special storytime. 3-4 pm Tuesdays.

Adult Williams Book Club. From gripping plot twists to heartwarming characters, participants can unravel the wonders of literature together. Explore what you love about the books you're reading or the ones you've recently finished. Noon-1 pm the last Saturday of every month.

End-of-Year Fundraising Drive. The Josephine Community Library Foundation (JCLF) raises funds to support special programs beyond the reach of the library's tax-funded operating budget, including technology upgrades and building improvements. To contribute during the End-of-Year Fundraising Drive, visit jclfoundation.org and make your donation to support the critical work of the library in our community by December 31. For more information about JCLF or library-building projects, visit jclfoundation.org or contact Executive Director Rebecca Stoltz at rstoltz@josephinelibrary.org or 541-476-0571 ext. 200. Sponsors for this drive are Edward Jones, Hart Insurance, and Oregon Pacific Financial Advisors, Inc.

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Families participating in the weekly Williams storytime and craft hour decorate homemade firefighter helmets made of paper plates after storytime.



Williams Library Branch Manager Amber Guient reads a story during the weekly storytime and craft hour held at 11 am Fridays. Williams Library is located at 158 Tetherow Road, Williams.

HISTORY BITS: RUCH SCHOOL



Ruch School 1914

This photo of the new Ruch School was taken on May 16, 1914, when the building was finished and ready for occupancy. Pictured are the teacher, Mrs. Nellie Collins, the board of directors (Miles Cantrall, Charlie Hamilton, and Horace Venable), and "Cap" Ruch, the clerk.

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